* For the urban population, average MPCE of Rs. 1022 comprised Rs. 429 for food and Rs. 593 for non-food. Of food expenditure, only Rs. 102 went towards cereals and cereal substitutes while Rs. 161 was spent on milk, milk products, vegetables and edible oil. Rs. 94 was spent per person per month on fuel and light, and Rs. 71 on clothing and footwear.

* The share of cereals in total consumption expenditure was 18% in rural India in 2003 compared to 26% in 1987-88. In urban India it was 10% in 2003 compared to 15% in 1987-88.

* The decline in the share of food in total expenditure seen over the past several rounds continued. The share of food was 54% in rural areas compared to 64% in 1987-88 and 42% in urban areas compared to 56% during 1987-88.

Assistance from other Countries for Commonwealth Games

†4633. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 446 given in Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2005 and to state:

(a) whether the assistance of some other country is also likely to be taken for the Commonwealth Games; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India at present. However, in terms of the Host City Contract, Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) is expected to contribute, from its experience in relation to previous Commonwealth Games, to the transfer of knowledge relating to the organization of the Games. CGF's contribution to knowledge transfer include the provision of base line services. In addition, Delhi Development Authorities (DDA) has engaged M/s. Event Knowledge Service (EKS) for Venue-Reappraisal.

Funds for Training of Athletes

4634. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has demanded Government for enhanced and separate funds for training of athletes recently; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Olympic Association has requested allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 200 crores per year for training of athletes, coaches, foreign exposures, etc. for Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(b) The preparation/training of sportpersons for major international events including Commonwealth Games is an on-going process which takes into account inputs provided with active participation & assistance from Central Government, State Governments and National & State level federations. Specific training of athletes and requirement of funds thereon will depend upon review of the performance in the Asian Games & Commonwealth Games, 2006 and Olympic Games, 2008 and other important international events prior to the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

The assessment of quantum of assistance would also be determined by the number of disciplines which get finalized for inclusion in the Commonwealth Games 2010.

For the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 45.50 crores has been proposed for Commonwealth Games, 2010. Depending on the requirement assessed, enhanced allocation will be sought from time to time.

Commonwealth Games in Bangalore

4635. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country is proposing to host the 2010 Commonwealth Games at New Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to conduct some of the events outside Delhi;